

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

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RETURN OF BRRTS DATABASE TO THE WEB

The RR Program has now returned the BRRTS (Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System) ASCII data extracts to our web site. These database files can be copied and formatted by experienced users. In order to address privacy concerns, these data extract files have been modified somewhat to provide the same information as BRRTS on the Web, our more user-friendly method of searching for sites. The extract files are available at:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/ERRHW/INDEX.HTM> BRRTS on the Web remains available through our web site main page -<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/>. We have also returned publications to our web site that had been removed due to privacy concerns. Those publications are the Registry of Waste Disposal Sites in Wisconsin, Publication RR-108, Wisconsin Remedial Response Site Evaluation Report (WRRSER), Publication RR-504, and the UST Site Assessment Log, Publication RR-549. These publications are located in the "Lists and Database Information" section of our publications, found by using the "Publications" button on our main web page.

GIS RULE GOES TO NRB IN MAY

Rule amendments to remove the requirement for groundwater use restrictions filed with deeds and to instead create a GIS registry of sites closed with groundwater contamination above standards are proceeding. These rule amendments involve sites where the Departments of Natural Resources and Commerce have approved closure using natural attenuation to achieve the numeric groundwater standards in ch. NR 140, WI Adm. Code. The final rule language and greensheet package (including responses to public comments) are on the agenda for the May 22-23 Natural Resources Board (NRB) meeting in Chippewa Falls. The rule information is posted under "What's New?" on our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/index.htm>

Changes since the proposed rule was taken to public hearings in August of 200 include:

1. Well drillers will not be required to check the registry prior to constructing a well. They will be required to contact Digger's Hotline. Digger's Hotline will check the GIS database and then contact DNR if they have been notified about a property that is included on the registry. DNR will contact the well driller within 3 business days and advise whether any special well construction features are necessary. Digger's Hotline will check surrounding properties as well.
2. Well drillers will be required to contact DNR directly when proposing installation of a well in the service area of a municipally owned water system. Properties within these areas will be listed on the GIS Registry but will not be provided to Digger's Hotline. In this way DNR will limit the number of contacts received from Digger's Hotline that are not related to well construction.
3. If DNR or Commerce approves natural attenuation and grants closure, all neighboring properties with ch. NR 140 enforcement standards will be also listed on the GIS registry. Before that could happen, the responsible persons (RPs) will be required to send a certified letter to all impacted neighboring property owners. This letter would inform them of the RP's pending closure request, and would have to include the language in Appendix A of ch. NR 726. Impacted neighbors would then have 30 days from receipt of the certified letter to provide the state

with any technical information showing why natural attenuation should not be approved as the remedy. Proof that these certified letters have been sent will be required as part of the RP's closure request. If the state concurs with a technical dissent from a neighbor, that property will not be listed on the GIS registry.

4. The method by which a site's geographic position is obtained has been simplified. There is no longer a specification of procedure. Rather, minimum data quality and performance standards have been referenced.

NEW VPLE INSURANCE FORM

The RR Program has a new form that should be used by parties seeking a Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) for sites closed with groundwater contamination above enforcement standards and using natural attenuation to restore groundwater quality. As required by ch. NR 754, Wis. Adm. Code, this form should be submitted with the applicable insurance fee for VPLE sites after the voluntary party has completed the site investigation and remedial action, and after the DNR has approved the request for case closure. The form, "VPLE Environmental Insurance Application", Form #4400-224, is available from the DNR- RR website: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/4400-224.pdf> The form can also be obtained by calling our Information Line at 800-367-6076 (in-state long distance) or 608-264-6020 (Madison area or out-of-state long distance). If you have questions on the form, rule or insurance fees, contact Michael Prager at (608) 261-4927 or pragem@dnr.state.wi.us

NEW BROWNFIELD BROCHURES AVAILABLE

Two new brochures that highlight brownfield services that the State of Wisconsin can provide to local governments or other interested parties are now available through the Remediation and Redevelopment Program. "Brownfield Basics - Tools for Cleaning Up And Redeveloping Contaminated Properties" (publication # RR-663) and "Brownfield Basics for Local Governments" (publication # RR-658) describe what brownfields are, what financial assistance is available to clean up and redevelop brownfields, what technical assistance is available from DNR staff, and more. The brochures are available on the RR web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/> (use the Publications button), or call the RR Information Line at 800-367-6076 (in-state long distance) or 608-264-6020 (Madison area or out-of-state long distance).

UPDATED GUIDANCE ON LEAD SOIL STANDARDS

The RR Program has updated Publication RR-653, Commonly Asked Questions about the Lead Soil Standards in Wisconsin. The revised guidance includes an additional question and answer regarding the new federal TSCA rule that establishes 1,200-ppm lead (Pb) as the soil hazard standard in non-play areas in residential yards. This federal standard does not affect Wisconsin's standards. The new guidance is dated May 1, 2001 and is located on our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/rr653.pdf>

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